



Nassau-Suffolk

Selected Indicators

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Nassau-Suffolk Metropolitan Division, New York State, and the United States. In addition, price and pay indexes for the larger metropolitan area that includes Nassau-Suffolk are shown. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. An **occupational pay relative** is a calculation of pay—wages, salaries, commissions, and production bonuses—for a given metropolitan area relative to the nation as a whole; the calculation controls for differences among areas in occupational composition, establishment, and occupational characteristics, and the fact that data are collected for areas at different times during the year.

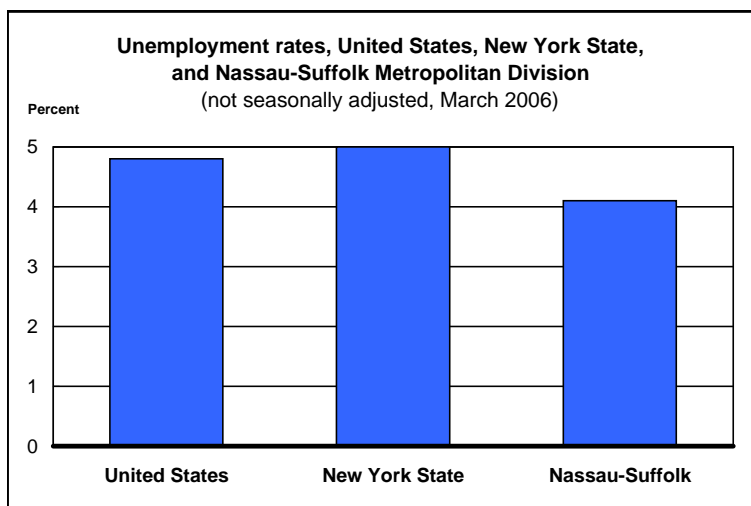
Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2006	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	194.6	201.5	3.5
Northeast	206.9	214.7	3.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island	212.5	220.2	3.6
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	190.2	197.2	3.7
Northeast	202.9	211.0	4.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island	206.0	214.0	3.9
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2006^(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	154.4	160.6	4.0
All commodities	155.0	163.8	5.7
Industrial commodities	157.2	168.2	7.0

p = preliminary

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2006 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,986.0	7,255.0	-731.0	-9.2
New York State	474.3	475.1	0.8	0.2
Nassau-Suffolk	61.1	60.4	-0.7	-1.1

p = preliminary



Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2006	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry			
United States	98.2	100.8	2.6
Northeast	97.6	100.9	3.4
Occupational pay relatives (U.S. = 100)	July 2004		
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island			
All occupations		110	
Management, business, and financial		111	
Professional and related		115	
Service		110	
Sales and related		107	
Office and administrative support		114	
Construction and extraction		127	
Installation, maintenance, and repair		100	
Production		102	
Transportation and material moving		113	

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2006 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	132,038.0	134,117.0	2,079.0	1.6
New York State	8,414.3	8,500.5	86.2	1.0
Nassau-Suffolk	1,217.5	1,226.1	8.6	0.7

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Nassau-Suffolk Metropolitan Division payroll employment by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2006 ^(p)
Total nonfarm	1,217.5	1,226.1
Construction and mining	61.4	63.0
Manufacturing	87.4	86.9
Trade, transportation and utilities	266.1	266.5
Professional and business	151.5	155.6
Financial activities	81.6	81.0
Education and health services	200.6	201.2
Government	201.4	201.8

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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The Nassau-Suffolk Metropolitan Division comprises Nassau and Suffolk Counties. **The Northeast Census Region** comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.